

Capsule Summary
SM-537
The Clements House
Leonardtown
Private

c.1908

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-537

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Clements House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number W side of Washington Street, 0.1 mile N of Leonardtown wharf not for publication

city, town Leonardtown _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3

state Maryland _____ county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rose Victoria Just

street & number PO Box 141 _____ telephone no.: 301-475-5128

city, town Leonardtown _____ state and zip code Maryland 20650

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse _____ liber MRB 99

street & number _____ folio 472

city, town Leonardtown _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Situated on the west side of Washington Street, the Clements house is located 0.1 mile north of Leonardtown wharf. The house is bounded on the west and north by woods and heavy brush, on the east by the road and to the south by a two story frame dwelling. The dwelling is oriented on a north-south axis only a few feet from Washington Street on a south sloping parcel.

Constructed in the c. 1910, the Clements house is a frame, two-and-a-half story, two bay, gable-front dwelling with a gable roof. Resting on a brick pier foundation, the dwelling's frame walls are covered with a layer of grey stucco. The gable roof is pierced by two brick chimney flues and is covered with pressed-metal shingles. On the primary (south) elevation, the first floor bays (a door and a two-over-two, double-hung sash window) are sheltered by a porch supported by four square posts. This elevation also features cornice returns just above the second floor windows.

This dwelling received only mid-level documentation due to the large number of historic resources in Leonardtown.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
 Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/8 acre

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed reference.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning date November 1996

street & number 328 Washington Street telephone 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtown state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

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St. Mary's County

8.1 Significance

Chain-of-title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 99, Folio 472

Grantee: Rose Victoria Just

Grantor: Victoria E. Clements

Date: June 30, 1981

Note: The deed notes that the tract consists of 1/8 of an acre (roughly 55x100 feet in size).

Reference: Liber CBG 67, Folio 25

Grantee: Victoria E. Clements and Philip O. Clements

Grantor: Mary Fowler

Date: December 18, 1956

Reference: Liber CBG 67, Folio 23

Grantee: Mary Fowler

Grantor: Philip O. and Victoria E. Clements

Date: December 18, 1956

Note: This deed notes that Rosa Clements died in April 20, 1955 leaving the property to at least 10 heirs. As a result of this, Philip O. and Victoria E. Clements had to acquire the other interests in the property. Ten deeds were subsequently filed between 1955 and 1956 as Philip and Victoria gained total ownership from their siblings and relatives. The other siblings included William M. Clements, Francis G. Clements, Louis Clements, William Maurice Clements, Rosa Kempe, Margaret Gulli, Walter Dawkins Clements, and Charles Clements.

Reference: Liber EBA 7, Folio 127

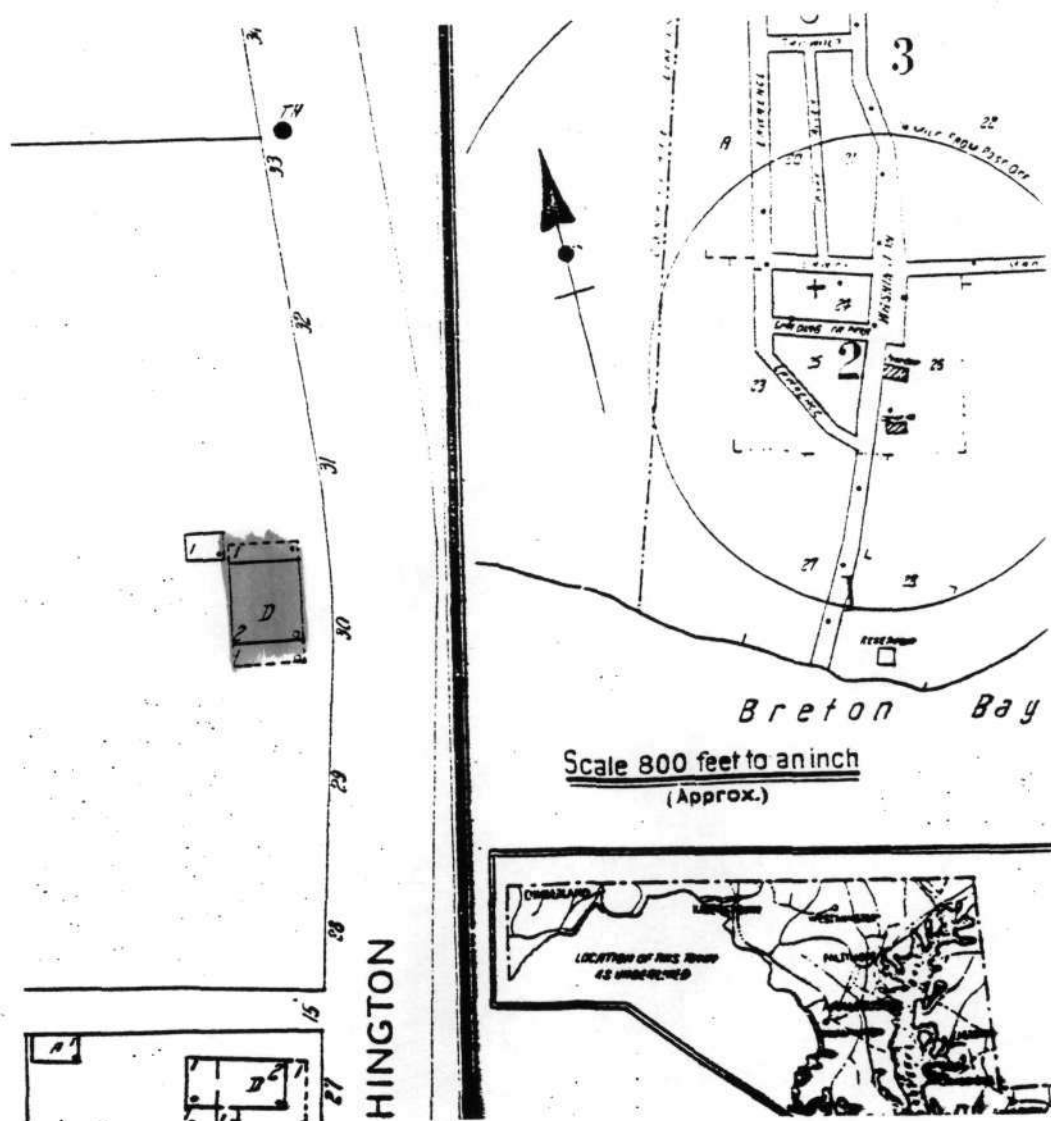
Grantee: Rosa M. Clements

Grantor: Joseph H. and Mattie M. Key

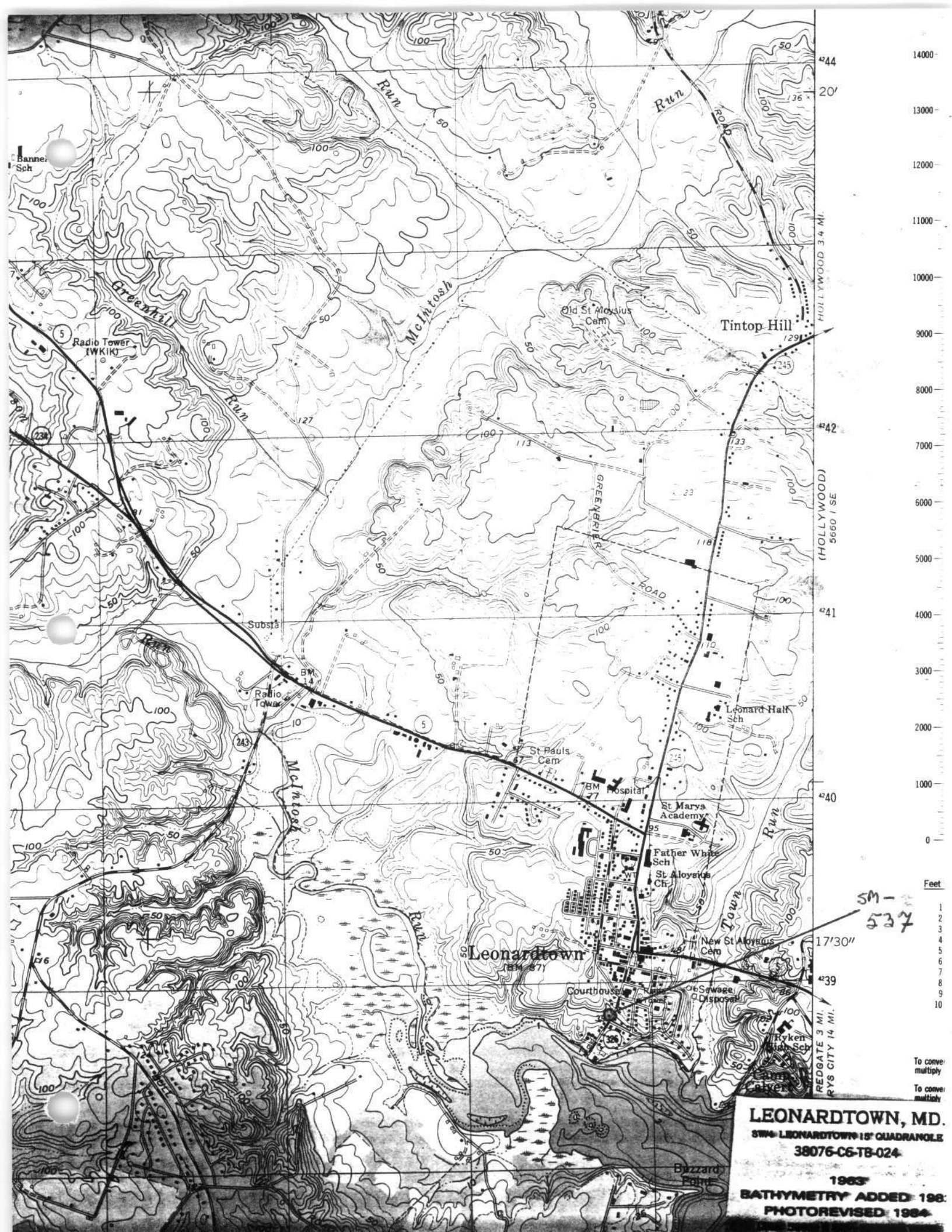
Date: March 11, 1908

Note: Rosa Clements purchased 1/8 of an acre along Washington Street from the Keys.

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 Significance 8.2



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing the Clements House. The dwelling was owned by Rosa M. Clements at the time of this map.



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SW 1/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
38076-C6-TB-024
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PHOTOREVISED 1984

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20'
42° 42'
42° 41'
42° 40'
42° 39'

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(HOLLYWOOD) 5660 1 SE

REGGATE 3 MI.
RYS CITY 14 MI.

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17'30"

E BRICK
IY STONE
IRON
PWN FIRE PROOF
(M) AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS
SHOWN ON KEY MAP
BUILDINGS ARE ACTUAL
STREETS ARE ARBITRARY

WASHINGTON

Scale

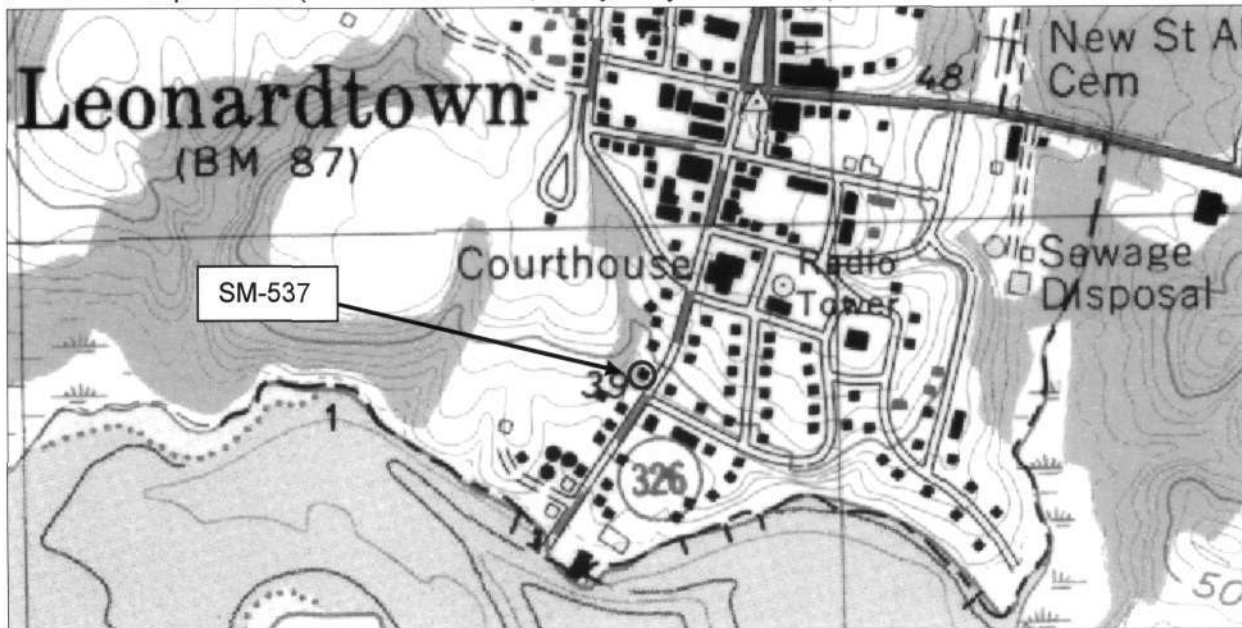
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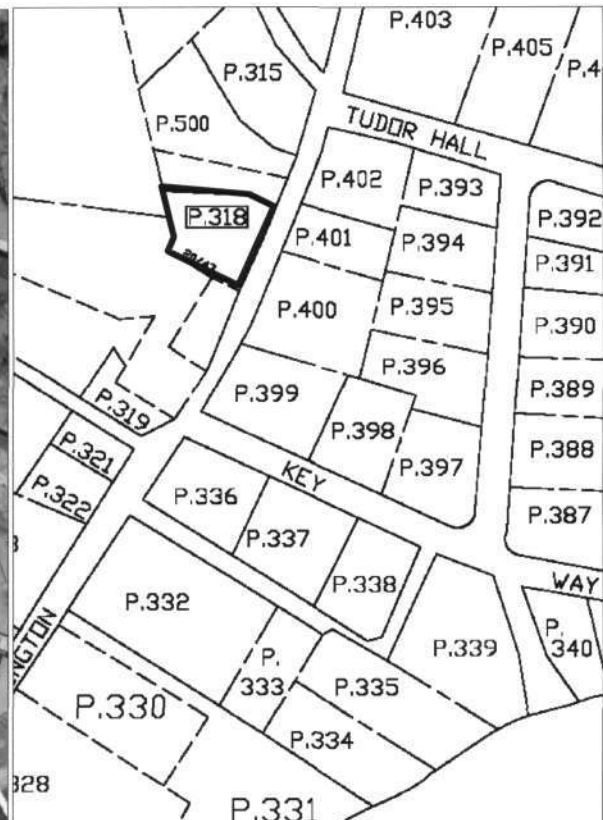
Washington Street (MD 326), Leonardtown

Leonardtown quad 1963 (Photorevised 1984, Bathymetry added 1982)



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map,
c. 2007-08

Tax Map 133, P. 318





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Rick Ranzetta

Sept., 1996

Md SHPO

S + E elevations

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